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For the more effectually regulating and providing for the Relief of the Poor, and the Management of Infirmaries and Hoſpitals, in *Ireland*.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Parliment of *Ireland* in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, "An Act for badging ſuch Poor as ſhall be "found unable to ſupport themſelves by Labour, and otherwiſe "providing for them, and for reſtraining ſuch as ſhall be found able to "ſupport themſelves by Labour or Induſtry from begging," it is, among other Things, Enacted, that a Corporation ſhall be erected in every County, and County of a City or Town in *Ireland*, for the Relief of the Poor, in Manner therein mentioned; and that, in order to create ſome Revenues for the ſaid Corporations, the Grand Juries of every County and County of
2 a City or Town may preſent, at the Spring Aſſizes, the Sums in the ſaid Act mentioned to be raiſed off ſuch Counties and Counties of Cities and Towns reſpectively:

Preamble.

Recital of 11. 12. G. III. c. 30. §. 2.

§. 9. Whereby certain Preſentments are authorized at Spring Aſſizes, for the Support of the Corporations created under that Act.

And whereas by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-third and Twenty fourth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, to explain the ſaid recited Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of His preſent Majeſty, Proviſion was made for encreaſing the Funds of the ſaid Corporations by further Preſentments:

And whereas, in conſequence of the Lapſe of Time, and the Increaſe in the Price of Proviſions which have taken place ſince the ſaid recited Acts, it is expedient to increaſe the Amount of the Sums to be preſented and levied in Manner hereinafter mentioned;

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That in caſe it ſhall be made appear, by any Member of any ſuch Corporations, to the Satisfaction of the Judge of Aſſize before whom the Summer Aſſizes ſhall be held in any Year in and for every County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, that the Corporation inſtituted

Where the Judge is ſatisfied that the Corporation is properly managed; or where a Houſe of Induſtry is actually building, Grand Juries ſhall be empowered to make further Preſentments at Summer Aſſizes for Purpoſes of recited Act.

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inſtituted under the ſaid recited Acts for the Relief of the Poor in ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, is properly regulated and conducted, and that on a Compariſon of the Expences incurred for the Objects relieved in the former Year it is expedient that any greater Sum than the Sums mentioned in the ſaid recited Acts ſhould be preſented and levied, or in caſe it ſhall be made appear to ſuch Judge that a Houſe of Induſtry is at the Time of ſuch Aſſizes in the courſe of being built, and that it is expedient to provide for the Expence of building the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town reſpectively, and ſuch Grand Jury is hereby authorized and required at ſuch Summer Aſſizes to preſent any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall, together with the Sums preſented under the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, amount, in any County of a City or County of a Town, to a Sum not leſs in the whole than Pounds, nor more than Pounds, and in any County at large to a Sum not leſs than Pounds nor more than Pounds; and the Whole of the ſaid Sums (not exceeding the Amount aforeſaid) ſo preſented at the ſaid Spring and Summer Aſſizes ſhall be raiſed and levied before the Day of then next enſuing, in ſuch Manner and Form, and ſhall be applied to ſuch Purpoſes, as are directed by the ſaid recited Acts with reſpect to the Sums directed to be preſented, raiſed, and levied under the ſaid recited Acts. 3

Grand Juries empowered to preſent a Year additional, for Support of Lunatic Aſylums.

And be it further Enacted, That where a Lunatic Aſylum, or any Ward or Wards for the Reception and Support of Idiots and inſane Perſons, is connected with or under the Direction of any Houſe of Induſtry in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, and where no Preſentment ſhall have been made for any Ward or Wards for the Reception of Idiots or Lunatics in any Hoſpital or Infirmary of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, under or by virtue of an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act paſſed in the "Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act "for amending and carrying more effectually into force the ſeveral Laws "now in being for regulating the Public Gaols and Priſons throughout "this Kingdom," and it ſhall appear neceſſary and proper to the Judge of Aſſize, at any Summer Aſſizes for ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, that Proviſion ſhould be made for ſuch Lunatic Aſylum, or Ward connected with ſuch Houſe of Induſtry, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury at any ſuch Summer Aſſizes, and ſuch Grand Jury is hereby authorized and required to preſent ſuch Sum or Sums, not exceeding the Sum of as ſhall appear to ſuch Judge to be neceſſary, and as ſhall be directed by him for the Support of ſuch Aſylum, or Ward connected with ſuch Houſe of Induſtry; and ſuch Sum ſhall be raiſed, levied, and applied accordingly. 4

Grand Juries empowered to preſent at Spring and Summer Aſſizes, for Inſpector of Gaols.

And be it further Enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, at the Spring and Summer Aſſizes in any Year, and at each Eaſter and Michaelmas Term in the County of *Dublin*, and ſuch Grand Jury is hereby authorized and required to preſent a Sum not exceeding Pounds Sterling, to be paid to the Inſpector of the Gaol and Diſtributor of the County Allowance of Bread to the Priſoners confined in the Gaol of ſuch County, County of a Town or City, in addition to ſuch Sum and Sums as the Grand Jury are now empowered to preſent for thoſe Purpoſes, under and by virtue of the ſaid Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the 5

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the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, "An Act "for amending and carrying more effectually into force the ſeveral Laws "now in being for regulating the public Gaols and Priſons throughout this "Kingdom," or under or by virtue of any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*.

in addition to 55. 10. under 26 G. III. c. 27. § 3.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That in every City and Town in *Ireland*, where the amount of any Preſentments for the ſeveral Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, and the ſeveral Acts hereinbefore recited, is levied 6 by an Aſſeſſment on Houſes, according to the Valuation of the ſame, for the Payment of Miniſters' Money, no Part of any Sum which ſhall at any Time from and after the paſſing of this Act be preſented by any Grand Jury for the Purpoſes in this Act, or any of the ſaid ſeveral recited Acts mentioned, ſhall be aſſeſſed on or levied off any Houſe or Premiſes which ſhall be valued for the Payment of Miniſters' Money, at any leſs Rate or Value than the Sum of Pounds Annual Rent; any Thing in this Act or the ſeveral Acts herein before recited, or any of them, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

No Sums under or recited Acts ſhall be levied on Houſes in Cities, &c. rated at leſs than to Miniſters' Money.

And whereas it is expedient to obtain Information of the State of the ſeveral County Infirmaries in *Ireland*, and of the ſeveral other Infirmaries and Hoſpitals of Royal and Public Foundation in *Ireland*, and of the proper Application of the Funds entruſted to their Care reſpectively; Be it therefore Enacted, That before the Day of One thouſand Eight hundred and and ſo in every ſucceeding Year before the Day of in each Year, the Treaſurers of the ſeveral Infirmaries or Hoſpitals erected or eſtabliſhed under or by virtue of the 7 ſaid recited Act of the Fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for erecting and eſtabliſhing Public Infirmaries or Hoſpitals in *Ireland*, and the reſpective Maſters, Governors, Guardians, and Truſtees of the ſeveral Hoſpitals of Royal or Public Foundation in *Ireland*, ſhall Yearly and every Year make out and deliver, and tranſmit to the Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts in *Ireland*, a Return, containing a Statement and Account of all the Funds entruſted to the Care of ſuch Treaſurers, Maſters, Governors, Guardians, or Truſtees reſpectively, for the Benefit of the ſaid Infirmaries or Hoſpitals reſpectively, and of the Application of the ſame for the Year ending on the Day of preceding ſuch Day of with the Balances of the Debts and Credits, and of the total Funds of the ſaid Infirmaries and Hoſpitals, on ſuch Day of and the ſaid Returns, Statements, and Accounts, ſhall include and ſet forth the Number and Names of all the Governors, Truſtees, or other Perſons entruſted with the Government and Management of ſuch Infirmaries or Hoſpitals reſpectively; and alſo the Particulars of all the Eſtates and Property, real and perſonal, veſted in or entruſted to ſuch Governors, Truſtees, or other Perſons reſpectively, for the uſe of ſuch Infirmaries or Hoſpitals reſpectively; and alſo the Amount and Particulars 8 of the Annual Receipts, Rents, and Profits ariſing from ſuch Eſtates or Property, or from any Subſcription or other Means whatſoever, diſtinguiſhing what Parts of ſuch Eſtates or Property are let on Leaſe or otherwiſe, and what Parts are held and employed by the Governors or any other Perſons for the Purpoſes of ſuch Hoſpitals or Infirmaries reſpectively, or for any other Purpoſe whatever, with the Dates and Duration of the ſeveral Leaſes, Demiſes, or Inſtruments under which ſuch Eſtates or any Part of them are let to any Tenants, the Names of the ſeveral Tenants, the Rents and Fines paid and payable on ſuch Leaſes or Demiſes, and all other Matters and

All Infirmaries and Hoſpitals in Ireland before annually, ſhall make Returns of the State of their Funds and Expenditure, the Number of Patients, &c to Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts.

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Things whatever relating to the ſame; and ſuch Returns, Statements, and Accounts ſhall alſo ſet forth the Number of Patients or other Perſons received into and ſent out of, or any way relieved in or by ſuch Infirmaries or Hoſpitals during ſuch preceding Year, and the Number of Patients remaining therein at the Time of ſuch Return, and the Number and Names of the Phyſicians, Surgeons, Officers, Servants, and other Perſons employed in or about the Management of ſuch Infirmaries and Hoſpitals reſpectively, with the Date of the Appointments of ſuch Phyſicians, Surgeons, Officers, Servants, and other Perſons reſpectively, and all ſuch other Matters and Things relating to the Revenues and Expenditure of the ſaid Infirmaries and Hoſpitals reſpectively, as ſhall from time to time be required by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, for the full Diſcloſure of the State of ſuch Infirmaries and Hoſpitals reſpectively; and all the ſaid Returns, Statements, and Accounts, ſhall be ſigned by the Secretary, Treaſurer, or Chief Officer for the Time being of ſuch Infirmaries or Hoſpitals reſpectively, and ſhall be confirmed as juſt and true Statements, by the Signature of Governors or Truſtees, or by the Corporation Seal reſpectively. 9

Lord Lieutenant, on Repreſentation of Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, may order Inſpector General of Priſons to examine, and report on State of Hoſpitals; and Commiſſioners may exerciſe all ſuch Powers in execution of this Act, as are given to them under 23. 24. G. III. c. 26. with reſpect to the Public Works, Charities, and Hoſpitals, in the ſaid Act mentioned.

And be it further Enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, upon any Repreſentation to be made to him by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, to give ſuch Directions to the Inſpector General of Priſons in *Ireland* to viſit any ſuch Infirmaries, or any Hoſpitals of Public or Royal Foundation, and to examine into the State of the ſame, and the Management of the Patients therein, as the ſaid Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* ſhall think requiſite and neceſſary; and the ſaid Inſpector General ſhall examine into the ſame accordingly, and ſhall from time to time make Reports thereon to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in ſuch Manner as ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors ſhall from to time direct.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts ſhall have, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to uſe and exerciſe all ſuch Powers for the obtaining of the Accounts, Statements, and Returns by this Act required to be made, relating to the ſeveral Infirmaries and Hoſpitals in *Ireland*, and in examining and ſtating the Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure, and of the Debts and Credits of all ſuch Infirmaries and Hoſpitals from time to time reſpectively, as are given to or veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts under and by virtue of an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, "An "Act for the due accounting for all Money granted for Public Works, "Charities, and Hoſpitals therein mentioned, and for the ordering a regular "Account in future of all Monies intruſted to the Corporation for carrying "on the Inland Navigation, the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, the "*Dublin* Society, the Corporation for Paving the Streets of *Dublin*, and "for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," with reſpect to the Matters and Things required to be done by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts under the ſaid recited Act; and all and every Perſons and Perſon ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties for any Diſobedience to the Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, in the Execution of this Act, as are inflicted or impoſed by the ſaid recited Act on Perſons diſobeying the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts under the ſaid recited Act. 10

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